

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1 to 14. (Canceled).

15. (Original) A blade for creping a paper web from a surface, said blade comprising a steel substrate which is covered by a ceramic top layer that forms a working edge adapted for contact with said surface and a web impact area upon which the web impacts during creping, wherein the ceramic composition of said ceramic top layer comprises chromia-titania ( $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3/\text{TiO}_2$ ) with a titania ( $\text{TiO}_2$ ) content of up to 25% by weight.

16. (Original) A blade according to claim 15, wherein the ceramic top layer is a single phase ceramic material.

17. (Original) A blade according to claim 15, wherein the ceramic top layer has a titania content in the range from 5% to 15% by weight.

18. (Original) A blade according to claim 17, wherein the ceramic top layer has a titania content in the range from 10% to 15%.

19. (Original) A blade according to claim 15, wherein said top layer is a thermally sprayed ceramic layer.

20. (Original) A blade according to claim 15, wherein the thickness of the ceramic top layer at the edge section of the blade is in the range from 150 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

21. (Original) A blade according to claim 20, wherein the thickness of the ceramic top layer at the edge section of the blade is in the range from 200 to 300  $\mu\text{m}$ .

22. (Original) A blade according to claim 15, further comprising a bond coat between the steel substrate and the ceramic top layer.

23. (Original) A blade according to claim 22, wherein said bond coat comprises Ni-Cr.

24. (Original) A blade according to claim 22, wherein said bond coat has a thickness between 10 and 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

25. (Original) A blade according to claim 15, wherein the steel substrate has a prebevel with an angle of up to 10 degrees, upon which the ceramic top layer is deposited.

26. (Original) A blade according to claim 25, wherein said prebevel has an angle of 4-8 degrees.

27. (Original) A blade according to claim 15, wherein the steel substrate has a thickness in the range from 0.635 to 1.250 mm.

28. (Original) A blade according to claim 15, wherein the steel substrate has a width in the range from 50 to 150 mm.

29. (Original) A blade according to claim 28, wherein the steel substrate has a width in the range from 75 to 120 mm.